(5) Meeting the unment needs for family welfare services.

(6) Under-served population groups:

Uban slums;

Tribal communities, hill area population and desplaced and migrant populations;

Adolescents;

Increased participation of men in planned parenthood.

(7) Diverse health care providers.

(8) Collaboration with and commitments from non-government organizations and the private sector.

(9) Mainstreaming Indian Systems of Medicine and Homeopathy.

(10) Contraceptive technology and research on reproductive and child health.

(11) Providing for the Older Population.

(12) Information, Education and Communication.

(c) There is no proposal to introduce legislation to provide 5 percent preference in Government jobs, including IAS and IPs to those applicaant who submit the certificate that he is the only child of his parents.

Increase in Cancer Cases

3721. Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the increase in cancer cases in the country; if so, the position in this regard, State-wise; and

(b) the remedial action taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) There is a small increase in the overall incidence rate of cancer as per the population based cancer registries at Mumbai, Bangalore and Chennai under the National Cancer Registry Programme of ICMR. State-wise data is not available.

(b) Under the National Cancer Control programme the following schemes are implemented for providing facilities for awareness, early detection and treatment of cancer patients in the country;

1. Grants to Regional Cancer Centres
2. Assistance for development of Oncology Wing in Government Medical Colleges.
3. Assistance for Cobalt Unit at Govt. Institutions/Registered Chariatable Organisations.
4. Assistance for District Cancer Control Prgramme.
5. Assistance to NGOs for Health Education and Early Detection Activities.

Involving NGOS in HIV/TB Programmes

3722. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
MISS FRIDA TOPNO:
MISS MABEL REBELLO:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have proposals to involve NGOs in eradicating the HIV and multi-drug resistant TB;

(b) if so, the steps being taken to encourage and support NGOs for creating awareness about these diseases among the public and the provision of diagnostic facilities, particularly for the poor and economically vulnerable section of society; and

(c) the details of external assistance needed for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. In so far as HIV/AIDS is concerned, NGOs have been involved in prevention and care programmes. They are important partners in the Targetted Intervention in the States for vulnerable groups such as commercial sex workers, truck drivers, migrant labourers, street children, intravenous drug users, etc. They are also being involved in social mobilization programmes and in, providing low cost care to the people living with HIV/AIDS.